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QUOTE

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SUBJ: PERMANENT SITE FOR INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

REF: TEHRAN 11565

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE DATED DEC 9,
1976. FROM IMPERIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: QUOTE THE
IMPERIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TEHRAN, AND HAS
THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING: (PGH) A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED
BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-
NATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND IRAN WAS AMONG
THE FOUNDERS. SUBSEQUENTLY IRAN TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE
PRELIMINARY AFFAIRS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND.
AND OUT OF DOLS 1 BILLION CAPITAL OF THE FUND, DOLS 124.75
MILLION WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH
RANKS SECOND AMONG THE CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES. IRAN'S ACTIVE
SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IFAD IS BASED ON ITS FIRM CON-
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VICTION THAT WORLD PROBLEMS OF FOODSTUFF SHORTAGES CANNOT BE

EFFECTIVELY SOLVED UNLESS FOODSTUFF PRODUCTION INCREASES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IRAN MAINTAINS THAT IFAD CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE FACTOR IN PURSUING THIS GOAL. IN VIEW OF IRAN'S BASIC ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IFAD AND ITS UNDERTAKING OF THE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SIAD FUND, THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS VOLUNTEERED TO UNDERTAKE THE HOSTING OF THE FUND'S PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS AND HAS PROPOSED TEHRAN AS THE LOCATION FOR THIS PURPOSE. (PGH) IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE AND THE SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION OF TEHRAN WITH THE PRESENCE OF ALL NECESSARY COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, AND DECLARING THAT IT WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR THE CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THE FUND IN TEHRAN, THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT ITS CANDIDACY WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AT THE IFAD BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING WHICH IS TO DECIDE ON SELECTING THE FUND'S PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS LOCATION. (PGH) THE IMPERIAL FOREIGN MINISTRY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO FOREGOIG. HELMS

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